## ABSTRACT

A compound semiconductor light-emitting diode comprising a light-emitting layer composed of a Group III-V compound semiconductor, and a current diffusion layer provided on the light-emitting layer and composed of a Group III-V compound semiconductor, characterized in that the current diffusion layer is composed of a conductive boron-phosphide-based semiconductor and has a bandgap at room temperature wider than that of the light-emitting layer.

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